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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 28, 29, 30, 37 + 47

Part B for September 1918

SUBJECT.

For information copy of his letter of 5-9-18 to the Director of civil supplies re the unexpected & unreasonable rise in price of sugar at Kolar.

AC 47. To. The Dy. Commr. Kolar Dt.

(No. Q. 5679 of 18-9-1918.

States that the Dy. of civil supplies has already taken action for restricting the export of food grains even to districts in the state except on certificates issued by him.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 66

FILE HEADING.

Export of food-grains from the state

From

The Dy. Comm^r - Kolar

No. R.O.C 742 Dated 5-9-18

Received 10.9.18

Diary No. 4402

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Serial No. 29

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information a copy of his letter of 5-9-18 to the Director of Civil Supplies regarding the unexpected & unreasonable rise in price of Ragi at Kolar

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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From the same - Forwards for information copies of his letters to the Director of Civil Supplies - re the prohibition of export of Ragi from the Kolar Dist.

Subd. for perusal - The Director has already

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authorities ~~not~~ to instruct the
Station Masters of stations in
the State not to book centred
food grains even to stations
within the State except on certi-
ficates issued by them.

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S. S. Manabey

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3 From The matter is

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receiving attention at the hands of the
D.C. Where further reports in it may
be awaited. It is desirable that the
D.C. know this & to send a copy of
the communication to the D.C. for his
information & necessary action.

Sd/-

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From the Dy Commr - Kolar
no R.O.C. 742 of 11.9.18
in continuation of previous communications.
forwarded copy of his letter of 10th
Sept 1918 to the Dy Commr of Civil Supply
regarding export of rice from
the district are

6) Draft reply as directed in
para 4 of the notes put up
by

14/9/18

To

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The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

No. S. 5679 of 18.9.18

States the Director of Civil Supply
in Mysore has already taken action
restricting the export of food grains
even to stations in the State
except on certificate issued.

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No.

742
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1918 No. 4396
A. R. B-18
Deputy Commissioner's Office,

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 7th September 18.

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office No. R.O.C. 742 dated 5th September 1918, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, copy of my letter to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore re the prohibition of export of Ragi from the District.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

No.

Deputy Commissioner's Office,

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 7th September 18.

From

B.Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

C. Ranganatha Rao Saheb, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Director of Civil Supplies and

Controller of Prices in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. O.C. 742 dated 5th September 1918, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of D.O. letter dated 6th September 1918 from the Amildar of Bowringpet stating that Davangere merchants have purchased 600 bags of Ragi at the Shandy at Bowringpet for export outside the State and that they

Please stop export of Ragi
from the District including
that from Bowringpet to
Davangere, Yedatore etc.
Letter follows.

have secured two waggons. He adds
that this has tended to inflate the
prices and that prohibition of ex-
port of Ragi from his Taluk is ne-
cessary. I have therefore sent the marginally noted wire to you
to-day. I request you to be good enough to prevent the export of
Ragi as desired in my letter of yesterday.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. B. Venkoba Rao,

(Signature)

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

D.O. Letter No. 90 dated 6th September 1918 from the
Amildar, Bowringpet Taluk to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

The Davangere merchants Mr. J. M. S. ...
No. 1 - 12 seems ostensibly for Davangere, but I have in-
formation to the effect that it is for export outside Davangere
into British territory.

They have purchased 600 bags and the price of Ragi has therefore risen to 11 seers per rupee. With difficulty, I have had Ragi sold at 12 seers in to-day's shandy.

I cannot interfere because two waggons have been sanctioned for these Davangere men. Prohibition of export from this Taluk is very necessary.

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Deputy Commissioner,

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 5th September 18.

From

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Kolar District.

To

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Chief Secretary to the Government of

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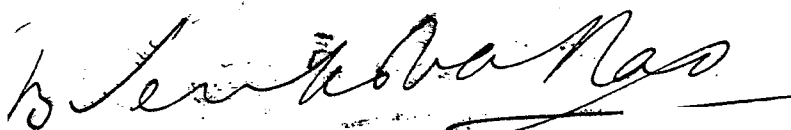
Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for information,
copy of my letter No. ^{C.C. 742} dated 5th September 1918 to the Director of
Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore to-
gether with copy of its enclosure, regarding the unexpected and
unreasonable ~~and~~ rise in the price of Ragi at Kolar.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,

Kolar District,

No.

G.O.C. 742
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Dated Kolar, the 5th September 1918.

From

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

C. Ranganatha Rao Saheb, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Director of Civil Supplies and Controller

of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of confidential D.O. No. 17 dated 5th September 1918 received from the Amildar, Kolar, regarding unexpected and unreasonable rise in the price of Ragi at Kolar due to large exportation from this District. Merchants from Davangore and other important trade centres within the Mysore State buy very large quantities of Ragi and other food stuffs with the ostensible object of supplying demands within the State but really to export outside the State. Such a state of things exists also in Malur, Bowringpet and Mulbagal. We have started Chakras on the important roads on the borders of the State to prevent export. But our attempts are likely to be frustrated by the crafty merchants who somehow manage to export large quantities outside the State through ways not protected. I would suggest that merchants of our State who come here for exporting Ragi within the State should also obtain licenses from the local authorities of the places to which the quantity is purporting to be exported and also from the local authorities of the place from which the export is made. Unless some such restriction is placed, the exports to outside the State of controlled articles cannot be effectively prevented.

for
the
District
Commissioner
Kolar

2. It is also time that some action is taken to fix the prices of articles, chiefly, Ragi, to prevent the profiteering tendencies of the merchants and satisfy the demands of the poor. So far as this District is concerned, the selling price of Ragi may be fixed at 13 seers per runee until further orders. If such a price is notified, it will have the effect of preventing speculative exports.

3. I am taking action with the President of the Municipality and the important merchants of the town, to see if some satisfactory arrangements can be made to prevent large exports, to reserve a sufficient stock and to sell at reasonable rates not exceeding what I have proposed above. But for any such action to be effective, a local officer should have power to take over stocks at a fixed price if such action is necessary. The mere fact of the local officer having such a power will prevent the merchants from unnecessarily inflating the prices. I would, therefore, request you to consider this matter and to move Government for the delegation, to the Deputy Commissioner, of this power under clause c of Section 3 B (2) of the Defence of India Rules published by Notification of 3rd April 1918.

Sufficient funds have also to be placed at my disposal to enable me to take over stocks when required at the fixed price. This proposal is made not to interfere with private trade but to steady it and prevent undue inflation when emergency arises.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

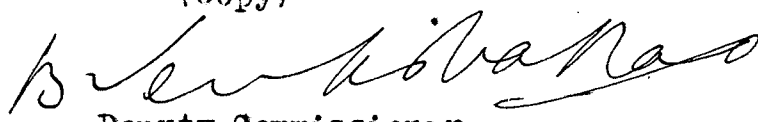
Your most obedient servant,

Sd.B.Venkoba Rao,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Confidential D.O.No.17 dated 5th September 1918 from the
Amildar, Kolar Taluk, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

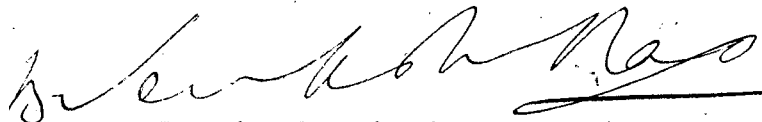
Ragi was selling at 13 seers a rupee last Bazaar. Subsequently a large quantity was exported from here and the result is a panic. Ragi, now, is sold at 11 seers. But in retail shops, I fear, the poor ~~poor~~ people are not getting even ten seers. I think the time has come for us to prohibit exportation of Ragi from the District, if not from the Taluk. A large quantity is sent to Davangere. Muninarayana Setty showed me a telegram received from Davangere for further supply. He is the chief exporter who is sweet-tongued and wants the monopoly. I have received news that three men from Davangere have come here for making the purchases. One man from Kuppam has also come to make large purchases.

In this connection, I beg to submit, that licenses are issued to persons directly by the Food Controller, and the local Officers are left in the dark. I suggest, that all the controlling work must be done through the Amildar.

I hear that Brindamala Lakshmipathiah has 500 bags. Kaveripatnam Sivaramianiah has 400 bags of Ragi for export in Srinivasapur and also have bargained.

I beg to solicit orders to control the sale and export. In case any person has to be appointed for the purpose, none of the present exporters must be encouraged.

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Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office

No.R.O.C.742/En.2.

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 8th September 1918.

From

DIARY NO.....⁴⁴⁰⁴

B.Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

C.S. Samsundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government

of Mysore, Bangalore.

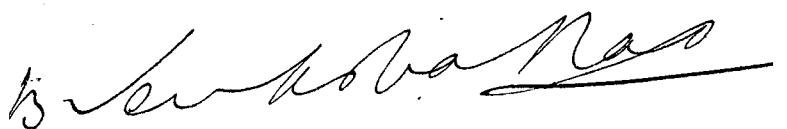
Sir,

In continuation of my previous communications No.R.O.C.742 dated 5th and 7th September 1918 re the prohibition of export of Ragi etc., I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, copy of letter addressed to-day to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, together with a copy of its enclosure.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

To

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The Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated 8th September 1918.

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Received

General No. R.O.C. 742
No.

Enclosure No. two

Forwarding, for information, copy
of letter addressed to the -
Director of Civil Supplies in
Mysore re the prohibition of ex-
port of Ragi from the Kolar Dis-
trict.

Deputy Commissioner's Office,

No. R.O.C. 742/En.1

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 8th September-18.

From

B.Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

G.Ranganatha Rao Sahab, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Director of Civil Supplies and Controller

of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to note in the margin the post copy of telegram sent to you to-day and to state, in continuation of my previous letters, that the Davangere merchants continue to export

----- Davangere merchants con- tinue exporting Ragi. Please cancel all certi- ficates issued by you. Wire reply. -----	Ragi and have arranged to purchase all available quantities of it. I send here- with a copy of D.O. letter dated 7th instant received from the Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Field, for your information. That the people in and about Davangere generally use Cholum and not Ragi is known to all and you may not also be unaware of this fact. From the attitude of these merchants and from information gathered through the local dealers, it is gathered that the Ragi purchased by them is intended for export outside the State. The existing stock of Ragi is reported to be quite insufficient to meet the local requirements and the prices have already been inflated by the local dealers causing a very serious situation. Unless the export of this article from the Dis- trict is prevented at once, the situation may develop from bad to worse and may become uncontrollable.
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2. I would, therefore, request you to help us in preventing the export of Ragi from this District, by not issuing any Priority certificates and cancelling those that might have already been issued. The Railway Authorities may also be requested not to book Ragi from any of the Stations from this District.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. B. Venkoba Rao,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.



Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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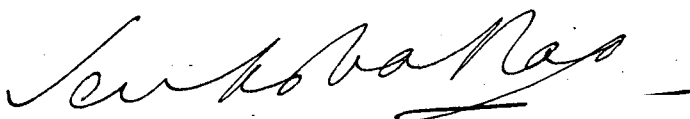
D.O. Letter dated 7th September 1918 from the Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Field, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar ---
District.

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Davangere merchants Hoolappa and Huchappa have been purchasing Ragi on a large scale in Bowringpet and are on the move towards Kolar. We will be stranded. They are buying at the rate of 12 & ^{12½ seers.} ~~23½ seers.~~ My information is that they have already purchased 1500 bags of Ragi, and have advanced money for another 1000 bags. They have got telegraphic instructions from the other merchants to purchase all available stock here. They have so far secured only two waggons.

The situation is grave. The Amildar of Malur was telling Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao yesterday that he could supply Ragi at 14 or 15 seers per rupee any ^{quantity.} ~~quantity.~~ I learn that 8 cart loads of Ragi from Sivarpatna of Malur taluk have been sent to Bowringpet for sale to the Davangere merchants. There is scarcity in those parts, but my private information is that all the Ragi is to be sent by road from Davangere to Harihar onwards on the sly by circuitous paths to Dharwar, Hobli. Similarly, Ragi from Malur is smuggled into Hatgodli, from there passed on to Krishnagiri.

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Deputy Commissioner,

with Kolar District.

No.R.O.C.742/En.1.

Deputy Commissioner's Office,

Kolar District,

Dated Oorgaum, the 11th September 1918.

From

B.Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

DIARY NO. 4690

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To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my previous communications No.O.C.742 dated 5th, 6th and 8th September 1918 regarding the prevention of export of Ragi from the District, I have the honour to forward herewith, for information, copy of letter dated 10th September 1918, addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

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The Chief Secretary

Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Dated 11th September 1918

General No.H.O.S.742

Enclosure--No.1.

Forwarding, for information, copy
of letter addressed to the Director of
Civil Supplies in Mysore, regarding
the prohibition of export of ragi from
the District.

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Letter No.R.O.C.742 dated 10th September 1918 from the Deputy
Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Director of Civil Supplies
and Controller of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of
your letter No.2450 dated 7th September 1918 stating that you will
issue future certificates for the export of Ragi after consulting
me. I presume that the certificates already issued before 3rd -
August 1918 are inoperative now. If not, kindly make them inopera-
tive. I send you, under separate cover, a copy of Confidential
D.O. from the Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Field, from which
you will see how anxious we are in the Kolar Gold Field. It
appears to be absolutely necessary to fix a price for the sale of
Rice and Ragi, in order that we may immediately take over, when
necessary at the fixed price, stocks of food stuffs that may be
available.

2. I understand that you asked the Vice President, Sanitary
Board sometime ago whether Burma Rice can be imported. Kindly let
me know whether it is possible for you to import Burma Rice^{now}. At
one time, we thought in the Field that Burma Rice would not agree
with the Coolies on the Field. Probably, if stocks ~~become~~ of
Rice become low, the question will have to be reconsidered.

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Deputy Commissioner,

~~ms~~ Kolar District.

Recd at 5-5 PM
on 17-9-18

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Diary No. of letter replied to

Section

File No.

Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. G 5679

Date of issue... 18-9-18

To

The Deputy Commr

Signed by Mr J. E. J. [Signature]

Kolar Dt

Sir,

With refer to cor-
respondence ending with
your letter no R.O.C. 742
of 8th Sept 1918 forwarding
copies of your letters to the
Director of Civil Supplies
in the matter of the export
of rags from the Kolar Dt

over.

I am pleased to state that
the Dr. of Civil Supplies
has already taken action
respecting the export of
food grains from the state
in the state except in
certificates issued by him.

As regards other points
mentioned in the letter,
~~the~~ proposals
of the Dr. of Civil Supplies
are awaited.

Yours etc
U/16/18/14
R. G. S. S.

List of enclosures.

Copy to the Dr. of Civil
Supplies for info & necessary
action.

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